

SEE Notices Below!

- ***Newfound School District Task Force Public Forum 12/7 6:30-8:30pm***
- ***TREE LIGHTING ON THE COMMON THIS SUNDAY 12/11 5PM!***
- ***HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM***
- ***Tax bills were mailed– due on 12/30***
- ***Holiday Hours – Christmas & New Years***

WELCOME TO THE “NEW HAMPTON CONNECTION”

E-mail notices will be sent from this office with dates, locations and times of Town Meetings, special meetings, special events, and other important town events or information. We hope you will find these notices helpful. These e-mails will not provide notice of regular scheduled meetings, deadlines, holiday hours, general information, etc. For such scheduled information, please check the town web site www.new-hampton.nh.us or call the Town Office at 744-3559. All public meeting notices are posted at the Town Office and Public Works Department. All town newspaper notices are placed in the Laconia Citizen.

Please talk with other New Hampton residents who may not have been contacted to see if they are interested in receiving these e-mails. I also would encourage you to get the “word out” about important information to those who may not have e-mail.

If at some future time you change your e-mail address or you wish to be removed from the list please send an e-mail to blucas@new-hampton.nh.us.

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December 6, 2011

**NEWFOUND SCHOOL DISTRICT
TASK FORCE REPORTS**

The Newfound Area School District will hold a public forum on Wednesday, December 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm in the auditorium at the Newfound Regional High School.

There are two task force groups. One is the District Data Comparison Task Force was commission by the School Board Chair to compare financial and performance data from several school districts across the state. The second is the District Healthcare Task Force

which was established in response to an advisory Warrant Article (by Petition) for the purpose of exploring various options including self insurance and/or a zero co-pay option for the Health Plans to be offered to employees of the District.

After spending several months gathering and organizing data from districts with student populations and general characteristics close to Newfound, their next step is to present the raw data with the goal of engendering conversations with the public in an open forum. All members of the community are invited to attend these forums, join the discussion, offer your thoughts, ask questions, or just listen. Attendance is highly recommended! Further information and the data from the reports can be found on the schools web site: www.sau4.org/districtdatataskforce

Tree Lighting on the Common Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting on the Common this year will be on Dec. 11th at 5:00pm right at the big tree on the common, at the intersection of Old Bristol Road and Main Street. There will be caroling and a possible visit from Santa. It is a great community event. Everyone is invited. Please bring a flashlight!

NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY GIFT PROGRAM Donations needed

Please help fill the needs of local families this Holiday season. Already there are over 55 local children in need of items this Christmas. Many local people are helping fill the needs of these families. For those that would like to help, a basket identifying the items that are needed can be found at the Gordon-Nash Library, 69 Main Street, New Hampton. They can select one or more items and return it to the Library by Dec. 10th. As expected, the need this year is bigger than ever. Thank you.

Melissa Emery - Organizer

TAX BILLS MAILED Increase \$1.35/1000 assessed value

Tax bills were mailed and are due on December 30, 2011. If you would like a copy of your assessment card please email or call the office and we will mail one to you for your review.

Below is a breakdown of the tax rate increase for the town, school and county portions. At town meeting in March 2011 the estimated increase was 29 cents per \$1000 assessed value. The town received additional revenue from timber cutting on the Public Safety Building town lot, used additional fund balance for the loss in State revenues and a 2% increase in tax base brought the increase down to 19 cents/1000. You have seen a significant increase in the school portion this year, after a decrease in 2010. The School Board and Budget Committee will be reviewing the budget for 2012-2013. Please attend both town and school budget meetings and hearings to learn more about the issues to be presented to the voters for the next budget year. Also please attend the deliberative sessions and VOTE at the March 2012 Town Meeting.

	2011 TAX RATE	vs. 2010 TAX RATE	<u>INCREASE</u>
Town Portion	\$5.11	\$4.92	\$ 0.19
Local School Portion	\$8.47	\$7.44	\$ 1.03
State School Portion	\$2.21	\$2.14	\$ 0.07
County Portion	<u>\$1.28</u>	<u>\$1.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.06</u>
TOTAL	\$17.07	\$15.72	\$ 1.35/1000

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 for Christmas and Monday, January 2, 2012 for New Years.

The Transfer Station will be open on Saturday, December 24th and Monday, December 26th for their regular hours 8am to 4pm. It will also be open on Saturday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd from 8am to 4pm.

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